GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PSs - School Education - Smt R.S.Ganga Bhavani, the then District Educational Officer, Eluru - Departmental Proceedings under rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charge - Issued.

SCHOOL EDUCATION (VIG) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt. No.25 **Dated:21.02.2023**

ORDER:-

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Smt. R.S.Ganga Bhavani, the then District Educational Officer, Eluru in accordance with the procedure laid down in rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Service (CCA) Rules 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charge (Annexure-I). A Statement of imputations of misconduct in support of each articles of Charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed. (Annexure – III & IV).

3. Smt R.S.Ganga Bhavani, the then District Educational Officer, Eluru is directed to submit a written statement of her defence within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order.

4. Smt R.S.Ganga Bhavani, the then District Educational Officer, Eluru is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. She should therefore specifically admit or deny each of articles of charge.

5. Smt R.S.Ganga Bhavani, the then District Educational Officer, Eluru is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defence within the stipulated period, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Smt R.S.Ganga Bhavani, the then District Educational Officer, Eluru is invited to rule 24 of the AP Civil Services (conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interests in respect of matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on those behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that she is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of rule 24 of A.P. Civil Service (conduct) rules 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

PRAVEEN PRAKASH
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Smt R.S.Ganga Bhavani, the then District Educational Officer, Eluru through the Commissioner of School Education, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam.
The Commissioner of School Education, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam.(with a request to serve the orders on the individual and furnish served copy to the Govt., immediately).

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

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ANNEXURE – I

Articles of charge framed against Smt R.S.Ganga Bhavani, the then District Educational Officer, Eluru.

Articles of Charge :

That the said Smt R.S.Ganga Bhavani, the then District Educational Officer, Eluru, disobeyed the orders of higher authorities on the collection of fees for printing and supply of Formative/Summative Assessments question papers from Government Management Schools. Further, the matter of collection of fees scrolled in the ABN channel on 26.09.2022.

Thus, Smt R.S.Ganga Bhavani, the then District Educational Officer, Eluru, by his above mentioned act has exhibited her disobedient, dereliction, lack of devotion to duty in following the existing rules and guidelines for Government Examination fee collection, and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) 3(4)& 3 (5) of the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE – II

Statement of Imputations of misconduct in support of the articles of charge framed against Smt R.S.Ganga Bhavani, the then District Educational Officer, Eluru.

Charge: That the said Smt R.S.Ganga Bhavani, the then District Educational Officer, Eluru, disobeyed the orders of higher authorities on the collection of fees for printing and supply of Formative/Summative Assessments question papers from Government Management Schools. Further, the matter of collection of fees scrolled in the ABN channel on 26.09.2022.

The following lapses are noticed on the part of the then District Educational Officer, Eluru.

It is informed to the District Educational Officer, Eluru and Secretary, DCEB, West Godavari that the Director, SCERT, A.P, Amaravati has issued clear instructions vide Proc.Rc.No.ESE02/567/2021-SCERT /2021 Dated: 24/11/2021 to meet the expenditure regarding the printing and supply of FA2 question papers pertaining to government and private aided schools from LEP/any other available funds at SPO/DPO and to take further necessary action accordingly. With respect to private unaided schools, the District Educational Officers are requested to ensure that the said expenditure may be met by the management concerned through DCEBs. Further, the Secretaries of DCEBs are requested to chalk out the cost of FA2, FA3,FA4,SA1 & SA2 question papers and the same may be informed to the managements for its reimbursement according to their indent.

In spite of that, the District Educational Officer, Eluru and Secretary, DCEB, West Godavari has issued a Circular No.5/DCEB/2022–23, dt. 25.07.2022 of DEO, Eluru & Chairman, DCEB West Godavari to all the Headmaster's of Z.P/Govt. duly mentioning to collect the fees from the students.

Further, a scrolling is noticed in ABN channel on 26.09.2022 mentioning that the Headmaster's of Govt./Z.P Schools are collecting fee for conducting of FA2, FA3,FA4,SA1 & SA2 examinations in spite of clear instructions from the competitive authority.

Thus, Smt R.S.Ganga Bhavani, the then District Educational Officer, Eluru by her above-mentioned activity has exhibited disobeying the orders of the Higher authority which leads to dereliction of duties and slack of supervision and she failed to follow the existing rules/guidelines and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) 3(4)& 3 (5) of the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE – III

List of Documents by which the Articles of Charge framed against Smt R.S.Ganga Bhavani, the then District Educational Officer, Eluru.

i. GO.Ms.No.467/GA (SER.C) Dept. dated:14.09.1992.
ii. GO.Ms.No.411 GAD dated:20.07.1993.
iii. GO.Ms.No.296 Fin. & Plg. Dept. dated:14.10.1996.
iv. Proc.Rc.No. ESE02/567/2021-SCERT /2021 Dated: 24/11/2021 of the Director, SCERT, A.P, Amaravati.
v. Circular no.5/DCEB/2022 – 23 dt 25.07.2022 of DEO Eluru & chairman DCEB West Godavari.
vi. Scrolling in ABN TV channel,dated:26.09.2022

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ANNEXURE – IV

List of witnesses by whom the Articles of Charge framed against Smt R.S.Ganga Bhavani, the then District Educational Officer, Eluru

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